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FOLLOWING IS GOC PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU'S STATEMENT, ISSUED AUG 2,  
ON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES VOTE ON LIFTING ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST  
TURKEY. (PARAGRAPH NUMBERS ADDED BY EMBASSY.)

1. BEGIN TEXT. THE DECISION OF THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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TO LIFT THE EMBARGO HAS CAUSED BITTERNESS, INDIGNATION AND DEEP  
DISAPPOINTMENT TO THE ENTIRE HELLENISM. THE CHANGE IN THE STAND  
OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION AND THE CONGRESS IS TANTAMOUNT TO  
INDIRECT LEGALISATION OF THE INVASION AND THE CRIME WHICH WAS  
PERPETRATED AND CONTINUES TO BE PERPETRATED BY TURKEY AGAINST  
CYPRUS WITH AMERICAN ARMS. DESPITE THE CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO  
THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO - AND WE DO NOT WANT TO UNDERESTIMATE

THEIR IMPORTANCE - THE FACT THAT THE EMBARGO IS LIFTED, IS A BLOW TO THE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RIGHTS, INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND ALSO TO AMERICAN LAWS. IT IS TO BE REGRETTED THAT A BIG POWER SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES, SHOULD HAVE GIVEN IN TO THE BLACKMAILS OF AN ALLY, TURKEY, WHO HAS COMMITTED AND CONTINUES TO COMMIT ALL KINDS OF CRIMES AGAINST BOTH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS. ONLY THOSE WHO ARE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT JUSTICE, FREEDOM, HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY IN CYPRUS ARE REJOICING OVER THIS DECISION. I HOPE THAT THE REPERCUSSIONS WILL NOT BE SERIOUS. WITH THIS DECISION BOTH THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION AND CONGRESS ARE ASSUMING ENORMOUS RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS TOWARDS CYPRUS AND THE AREA. LET US HOPE THAT THEY WILL FULFILL THESE RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS FOR A JUST AND VIABLE SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM ON THE BASIS OF THE UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS AND THE CONDITIONS AND PREREQUISITES ATTACHED TO THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO.

2. ON OUR PART AND DESPITE ANY ADVERSITIES WE SHALL CONTINUE UNYIELDINGLY OUR STRUGGLE FOR THE FAITHFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE U.N. RESOLUTIONS. WHILE THIS AMERICAN MOVE IS INEVITABLY LEADING TO EXACERBATION OF THE SITUATION WE SHALL CONTINUE OUR HARD STRUGGLE IN A METHODICAL MANNER, COOLY AND PRUDENTLY, BUT ALSO WITH DETERMINATION, UNTIL VINDICATION. WE SHALL WAIT TO SEE WHAT THE NEXT MOVES OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BE AND WE SHALL HANDLE THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO ACCORDINGLY.  
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3. I REPEAT THAT AS FROM TODAY THE UNITED STATES IS ASSUMING TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARDS CYPRUS. AT LEAST THERE SHOULD BE RESPECT FOR AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS SET, I.E. THAT TURKEY WILL ACT WITH GOOD FAITH FOR A JUST SOLUTION OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND THAT THE RETURN OF THE REFUGEES TO THEIR HOMES AND PROPERTIES, THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE TURKISH TROOPS FROM CYPRUS AND THE CARRYING OUT OF MEANINGFUL TALKS WILL BE SECURED.

4. IT WOULD BE AN OMISSION NOT TO PRAISE THE ATTITUDE OF ALMOST HALF THE MEMBERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS WHO TILL THE LAST MOMENT STRUGGLED TO DEFEND THE RIGHTS OF CYPRUS AND ALSO THE UNIVERSAL IDEALS, THE CHARTER AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, HUMAN RIGHTS AND PRIMARILY TO UPHOLD THE U.S. LAWS. THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS ARE TRULY GRATEFUL TO THEM.

5. AS REGARDS THE GREEK COMMUNITY IN THE UNITED STATES, ONE CAN FIND NO WORDS TO PRAISE THE REALLY ENORMOUS WORK THEY ACCOMPLISHED, WHICH, I AM SURE THEY WILL CONTINUE BECAUSE THE STRUGGLE FOR THE FREEDOM OF CYPRUS, FAR FROM ENDING, IS NOW ENTERING, PERHAPS, ITS MOST CRITICAL PHASE. AND GREEK AMERICANS SHOULD, LIKE THE GREEKS OF CYPRUS, HELLENISM IN

GENERAL AND EVEN THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS, HAVE FAITH IN THE POWER OF JUSTICE.

6. WE HAVE FAITH IN THE POWER OF JUSTICE AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL SOONER OR LATER REACH THE GOAL. CONCLUDING I WOULD LIKE TO PRAISE GREECE'S ASSISTANCE TO CYPRUS AND ALSO THE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WHICH IS CONTINUOUSLY INCREASING AND STRESS THE NEED FOR ABSOLUTE UNITY BETWEEN ATHENS AND NICOSIA, AMONG HELLENISM IN GENERAL AND GREEK CYPRIOTS IN PARTICULAR. AND AGAIN I STATE RESPONSIBLY THAT TURKISH CYPRIOTS MUST BE SURE THAT WE ARE STRUGGLING FOR THEM AS WELL. END TEXT.  
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